

PERMIT FEES



Permit Fees



Let the fireworks begin

Issues & Opportunities

- FGF not keeping up with costs
 - Need for additional tech. assistance/inspections
 - General permitting changing
- Some permit fees not covering costs
 - General permitting changing
- Opportunity: 601 Cap exemption this year

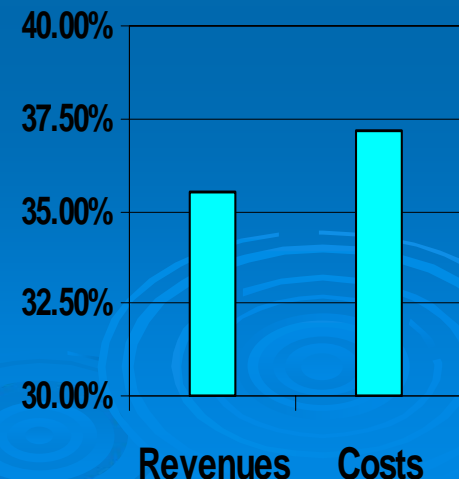
Exploring Options

- Across the board increase (above FGF)
 - FY 2006 FGF = 2.62%
 - FY 2007 FGF = 3.09%
- Selectively increase general permit fees
 - Selectively identify categories not paying costs
- Work to lift or eliminate legislative caps

Across the Board Increase

- Revenues not keeping pace with costs
- 1997 to 2005
 - Revenues increased 35.5%
 - Costs increased 37.2%
- 2006 COLAs (4.2%)
- Eng. & Hydro (10%)
Raises above FGF

Growth in Revenues & Costs
1997 - 2005

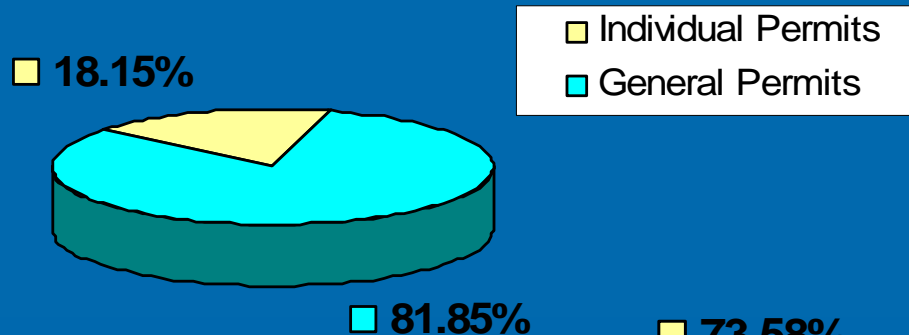


Across the Board Increase Discussion

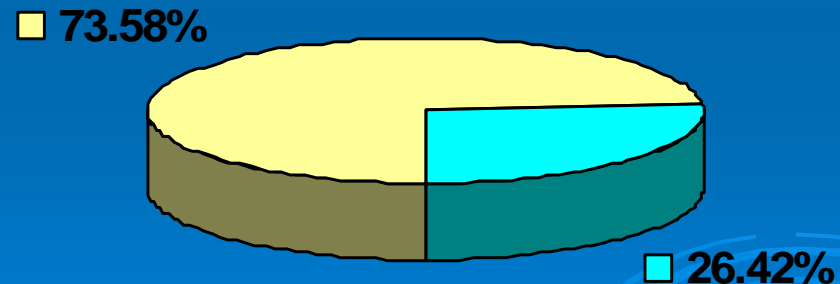
- Across the board increase of 1 – 2+%
- To
 - Provide more technical and compliance assistance
 - Improve general permit coverage processing
 - Process DMRs more effectively
 - Enhance monitoring

Selective General Permit Fee Increase

**FY 2005 Individual & General Permit
Numbers**



**FY 2005 Individual & General
Revenues**



Selective General Permit Fee Increase

- Assumed General Permits cost 70% of Individual Permits
 - Old paradigm –
 - Write and walk
 - Self-implementing permits
 - If general permit fees were 70% of individual permits, they would represent 59% of total revenues

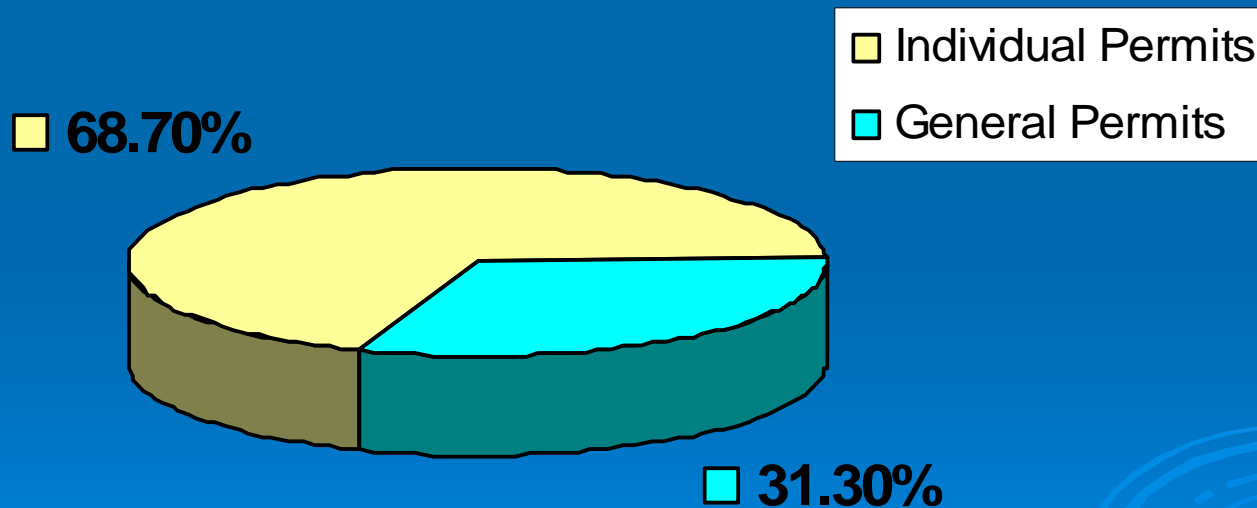
Selective General Permit Fee Increase

➤ Actual paradigm

- Permit preparation and appeal resource intensive
- Technical assistance needed
- More inspectors needed

Selective General Permit Fee Increase

**Potential FY 2006a Revenues -
No General Permit Fee Increase**



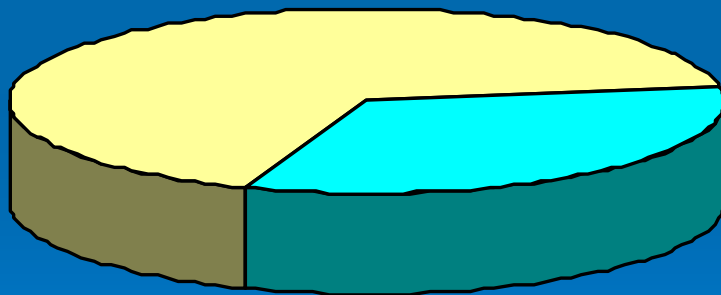
Selective General Permit Fee Increase

- Evaluate a 20% fee increase for all general permits, except:
 - Industrial Stormwater
 - Construction Stormwater

Selective General Permit Fee Increase

**Potential FY 2006c Revenue -
20% General Permit Fee Increase,
Except Industrial & Construction SW**

■ 66.83%



■ Individual Permits

■ General Permits

■ 33.17%

Selective General Permit Fee Increase Discussion

- Increases for some categories
 - Boatyards
 - Aquatic Pesticides

Selective General Permit Fee Increase Discussion

➤ Selective General Permit Fee Increase

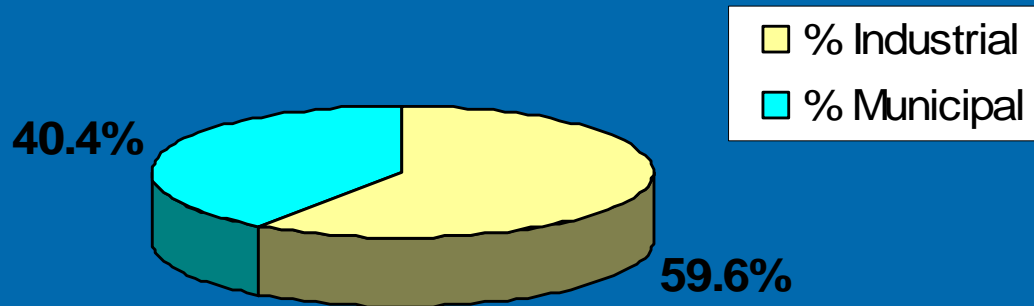
- All General Permits, except Industrial and Construction Stormwater
- Specific General Permits
 - Boatyard
 - Pesticide

➤ Issues

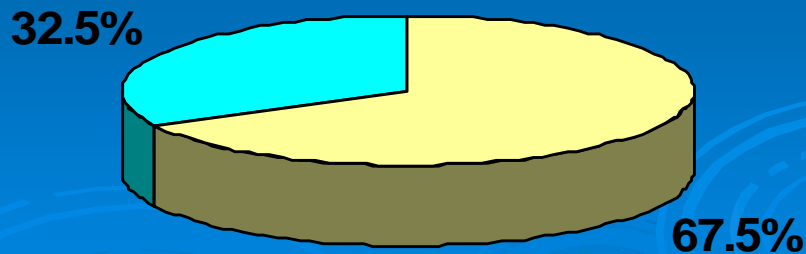
- Equitability (general vs individual)
- Affordability
- Magnitude \pm 20%?

Lift or Eliminate Legislative Caps

**2005 Industrial and Municipal
Number of Permits**



**2005 Industrial and Municipal
Permit Revenues**



Lift or Eliminate Legislative Caps

- Equitability between industries and municipalities
- Equitability among municipalities
 - All but Seattle will hit cap in FY 2007
 - Statutory cap = \$1.80
 - >250,000 Residential Equivalents \$1.11/RE
 - <250,000 Residential Equivalents \$1.80/RE

Lift or Eliminate Legislative Caps

- Legislative cap on Dairies
 - \$0.50/ animal unit
 - Not to exceed \$1,042 (in FY06)
- Several large dairies would exceed \$1,042 if applied only \$0.50/ animal unit

Lift or Eliminate Legislative Caps Discussion

➤ Equitability

Summary & Request

- FGF not keeping up with costs
- General permit fees not covering costs
- Opportunity: 601 Cap exemption this year
- Assistance Needed
 - Small group to work with us